

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Route 1 Bridge Replacement North Brunswick, Middlesex County

**Public Information Center
Thursday, December 18, 2008, 4 – 7 pm**

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance the transportation needs, the environment, community concerns, and cost, will hold a Public Information Center to inform local residents, officials, and the business community about the proposed **replacement of the Route 1 Bridge over the abandoned Sayreville Railway** and improvements to local roads. The Public Information Center is conducted in an "open house" format where display boards are available for public inspection. Representatives from the NJDOT and the design firm will be available to answer questions. Information about the New Jersey No Net Loss Reforestation Act will be presented. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments at the meeting, by mail, or by e-mail.

The Proposed Project

The proposed improvements to the Route 1 Bridge were initiated by NJDOT to replace the severely deteriorated bridge over the abandoned Sayreville Railway and local roads. These transportation improvements will eliminate severe roadway curves below the bridge and improve the sight distance on Route 1 over the bridge improving safety.

The proposed design is a result of input received at previous meetings and the State Historic Preservation Office.

NJDOT proposes to:

- Replace the bridge with a single span with a lower roadway profile.
- Extend College Farm Road across the abandoned railway providing access to the adjacent business property owners.

Proposed Construction Staging Plan

- Three lanes of Route 1 traffic will be maintained in each direction.
- The bridge will be reconstructed in two stages, while maintaining four traffic lanes.
- One lane in each direction will be detoured onto the adjacent access roads, temporarily changed to one direction
- Traffic will be maintained in both directions under the bridge.

Proposed Reforestation Plan

The New Jersey No Net Loss Reforestation Act required any state entity to hold a public forum when one or more acres of deforestation occur. That entity must present a reforestation plan for that project. There will be approximately 1.3 acres of deforestation. The proposed landscape plan includes 2.3 acres of reforestation within the limits of the project.

Cultural Resources

There will be no adverse effects on the historic properties surrounding this project.

Estimated Cost and Schedule

Estimated cost is \$25 million with construction to begin in early 2009.

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